

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently amended) A tool for removing ticks and other like parasites from the skin, which tool has an engagement part with a bottom face and a top face, wherein a V-shaped groove is provided that has side faces between the bottom face and the top face at an edge of the engagement part, which side edges converge towards each other from an outer opening at the edge towards an internal assembly point, said V-shaped groove being wider at the top face of the engagement part than it is at the underside, wherein a considerable portion of each side face of the V-shaped groove between the underside and the top face of the engagement part is constituted by a concave engagement face, and wherein at the bottom of the V-shaped groove a cutter blade is provided in level with the bottom face, and wherein a thickness of the cutter blade at the outer opening is less than a size of a head of a tick, and further wherein each side face comprises a lowermost part that extends essentially perpendicularly from the bottom face and is connected to the concave engagement face, and at least for a distance, the lowermost part of the side face is increasing in height, seen from the edge to the internal assembly point.

2. (Previously presented) A tool according to claim 1, and wherein a lowermost part of the concave engagement face is essentially in parallel with the bottom face.

3. (Previously presented) A tool according to claim 1, and wherein the concave shape of the concave engagement face is formed by a continuously curved line segment.

4. (Previously presented) A tool according to claim 3, and wherein the concave shape of the concave engagement face is formed by a drawing of a circle.

5. (Previously presented) A tool according to claim 1, and wherein the concave shape of the concave engagement face is formed by number of straight lines.

6-7. (Canceled)

8. (Currently amended) A tool according to claim 1~~claim 7~~, and wherein the lowermost part of the side face has a constant low height a distance from the edge into the V-shaped groove.

9. (Previously presented) A tool according to claim 1, and wherein an innermost part of a lowermost part of the side face is provided with parallel side faces.

10. (Canceled)

11. (Previously presented) A tool according to claim 1, comprising a holder part provided with an upwardly protruding transverse beam for supporting a thumb.

12. (Previously presented) A tool according to claim 1, comprising a holder part provided with an indentation for supporting a thumb.

13. (Previously presented) A tool according to claim 1, comprising a holder part provided with a ribbed area for supporting a thumb.

14. (Previously presented) A tool according to claim 1, comprising at least one recess at the edge in support of at least one finger.

15. (Previously presented) A tool according to claim 1, wherein the tool is plate- shaped.

16. (Previously presented) A tool according to claim 15, comprising at least one recess is provided in the area between the engagement part and the holder part.

17. (Previously presented) A tool according to claim 15, wherein the largest outer dimension of the tool corresponds essentially to the dimensions of a credit card.